The Community Church of Vacaville was first organized as The First Presbyterian Church, July I2. I873, by Rev. Thomas Fraser, Synodical Missionary of the Synod of the Pacific, the jurisdiction of which extended from the Rockies to the Pacific Coast. It started with 22 charter members. The first services were held in the Methodist Church until a building was purchased from the Christian Church. When fire destroyed it in I89I, the present site at Main and Parker Sts. was secured and the present building erected the following year.

The First Presbyterian Church remained a struggling church under Home Mission support until about I900 when it became self-supporting. During I9I2 the Annex was built. Until the high school built its present gymnasium all its basket ball games were played in the Annex. Also in the Annex every Sunday evening for nine years motion picture services were held, bringing to Vacaville the best of the big features shown in the theatres. The Annex has been remodeled to serve as a social hall and for sunday school class-rooms.

In I924 the First Presbyterian Church was re-incorporated as The Community Church of Vacaville. The Baptist Church and most of the members of the Christian Church joined with us. Although still affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. we have since the new incorporation conducted ourselves as a community church, without denominational requirements and with no denominational bias expressed in the services. We have as members Lutherans, Disciples, Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists. We have at present I50 members and I30 in sunday school.

Thanks mostly to the ladies of the church, we have remodeled the interior of the building and have kept the exterior in good condition. In I94I we purchased the $I0,000 organ in the Vacaville Theatre. A few year ago we installed The Chimes in the tower. We also have a Bell and Howell I6 millimeter motion picture equipment.

Up till I9I3 we had had twelve pastors. Since then the present pastor has been in charge.

It is difficult to give an historical summary of the influence a church has upon a community. In this respect all churches are doing their bit. The social, moral and spiritual influence of the churches cannot be measured with a yard-stick. Suffice it to say that the Community Church of Vacaville is trying to give proper guidance to youth, give comfort to the sorrowful and aid to the distressed, and apply the Gospel to the life and problems of today.

Respectfully submitted,

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